

House Resolution 1947

By: Representatives Mitchell of the 88th, Williams of the 165th, Mangham of the 94th, Fludd of the 66th, Williams of the 89th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Honorable Thurbert Baker, Attorney General for the State
2 of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on June 1, 1997, Thurbert E. Baker was appointed Georgia's fifty-second
4 Attorney General, and in November of 1998, 2002, and 2006, he was elected and reelected
5 by the voters of Georgia to serve our state as Attorney General; and

6 WHEREAS, the honorable Thurbert Baker is a man known for his integrity and honesty, and
7 he has a reputation for putting the best interests of the people of Georgia above his own
8 personal or political concerns; and

9 WHEREAS, Thurbert Baker won the first of five elections to the Georgia House of
10 Representatives in 1993, and he served as the Governor's floor leader, spearheading some of
11 the most significant legislation in modern Georgia history, including the HOPE scholarship
12 program and the "Two Strikes and You're Out" law that sent repeat violent offenders to
13 prison; and

14 WHEREAS, Attorney General Baker is the first African American to serve as Georgia's
15 Attorney General; and

16 WHEREAS, as Attorney General, he has focused on fighting criminal corruption and
17 consumer fraud, drafting and pushing for groundbreaking statutes to prosecute mortgage
18 fraud, identity fraud, and increase penalties for child pornographers; and

19 WHEREAS, Attorney General Baker created the Open Government Mediation Program
20 within his office, which has helped numerous Georgians to resolve their request for open
21 access to government meetings and records without having to go to court; and

22 WHEREAS, he is admired by his constituents and colleagues alike as demonstrated by his
23 election to serve as the President of the National Association of Attorneys General for the
24 2006-2007 term; and

25 WHEREAS, this independent thinker and great political leader is a person of magnanimous
26 strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness,
27 and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
28 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body recognize the Honorable Thurbert Baker for his outstanding
31 leadership and commend him on a job well done in service to the citizens of this state.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Honorable Thurbert
34 Baker.